Tender for Satellite telephone system

4515. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the tender floated by the Department of Telecommunications (DOT) for financing the acquisition of large digital switching equipment through lease finance has flopped;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) how it is now proposed to meet the situation and what other option are being explored;

(d) what is the present stage of the introduction of SAT phones under the Inmarsat (International Mobile Satellite Organisation)-VSNL pact;

(e) what is the technology envisaged and its financial implications for this system; and

(f) in how many cities SAT phones will be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The Deptt. of Telecom had floated a tender for financing of various telecom projects/equipments, including large digital switching equipment. For its' requirement for such alternate financing for 1994-95 DOT has tied-up adequate funds on leasing/deferred payment terms. Agreements for Large Digital Switches would be entered into as and when the details of field units are available.

(d) VSNL along with 38 other Government and operator owned companies, is a Share holder in I-CO Global Communications LTD., the company floated to provide global hand-held satellite based personal phone system. The company was incorporated in U.K. in January, 1995 and as per present projections it is envisaged that the services will be available in the year 1999-2000.

(e) The technology used is 12 satellites in Intermediate Circular Orbit (10,000 kms) and Satellite Access Nodes (about 12) and national Gateways that ensure connectivity to the fixed telephone network. The total cost of the system is estimated at US $2.9 Billion and is expected to be funded by debt of 30 per cent and equity of 70 per cent.

(f) The coverage is global in nature and, therefore, the services under this satellite phone system, when it is commissioned, will be available from all cities and rural areas.

एक एक्सचेंज से दूसरे एक्सचेंज में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन का स्थानांतरण

4516. मौलाना अबैदुल्ला खान आजमी : क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) दिल्ली में एक टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज से दूसरे टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज में टेलीफोन कनैक्शन अपने ही नाम में स्थानांतरित कराने के संबंध में क्या प्रावधान है;

(ख) टेलीफोन कनेक्शन मंजूर होने के बाद तथा उसके लगने से पूर्व दिल्ली में एक एक्सचेंज से दूसरे एक्सचेंज में अपने ही नाम में कनेक्शन स्थानांतरण कराने संबंधी प्रावधानों और प्रक्रिया का ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) जनवरी से अप्रैल, 1994 तक के० बी० एम० एक्सचेंज से ओखला एक्सचेंज में टेलीफोन कनेक्शन स्थानांतरित कराने हेतु ऐसे कितने आवेदन प्राप्त हुए हैं;